# Minutes of the State Board of Acupuncture July 13, 2001

The State Board of Acupuncture meeting was called to order by Maggie Blair, Chair, at 9:35 a.m., Friday, July 13, 2001 at the Bureau of Occupational Licenses, Owyhee Plaza, 1109 Main Street, Suite 220, Boise, Idaho.

Roll Call: Maggie Blair, Chair

Therese Hahn, Board Member Rand Peebles, Board Member Emi Miller, Board Member John Downey, Board Member

Bureau Staff: Budd Hetrick, Deputy Bureau Chief

Roger Hales, Administrative Attorney

John Kersey, Chief Investigator

Dee Ann Randall, Administrative Secretary

#### Minutes

Moved by Tess Hahn, seconded by Rand Peebles and carried that the minutes of the March 9, 2001 board meeting be approved.

Susan Beck met with the Board to discuss proposed legislation to license massage therapists. The Board discussed the possibility of including massage therapy licensure under the Acupuncture law.

Moved by Rand Peebles, seconded by Tess Hahn and carried that the board is supportive of further reviewing and working towards a combined acupuncture and massage therapist board.

Ms. Beck will bring a draft of the legislation to the October 26, 2001 board meeting.

#### **Executive Session**

Moved by Emi Miller, seconded by Tess Hahn and carried the board go into executive session to discuss possible litigation. The time being 11:30 a.m.

Moved by Tess Hahn, seconded by Rand Peebles and carried the board comes out of executive session at 11:40 a.m.

Moved by Tess Hahn, seconded by Emi Miller and carried that, having reviewed Michael Rollins letter from his attorney Cynthia Woolley, it is not in the interest of the board or

the licensing/certification process to provide further documentation from Mr. Rollins regarding his acupuncture technician certification.

Roger Hales will send a letter to Ms. Woolley stating the above motion.

# Financial Report

Mr. Hetrick reviewed the financial report with the Board. Their current cash balance is \$36,741.

### Proposed Law Changes

The Board requests that Roger Hales assist Mr. Hetrick in preparing the following law changes.

Moved by Rand Peebles, seconded by Emi Miller and carried that the board add a continuing education requirement to the law, allowing for rules to set by board.

Moved by Rand Peebles, seconded by Emi Miller and carried that 54-4707(1) be changed to delete any mention of requirements for certification being tied to a particular medical school or acupuncture association and to add "to provide as a requirement for certification that an individual be a doctorate degreed health care practitioner or RN nurse practitioner currently licensed in the state of Idaho . . . ."

Mr. Hetrick noted there might be opposition to a proposal requiring an applicant to hold a license in another discipline as a prerequisite for acupuncture certification. This will be discussed with Roger Hales.

Moved by Tess Hahn, seconded by Emi Miller and carried that changes be made to 54-4708 (2) the word "may" be changed to "shall. 54-4708(2)(a) be changed to read "Require the direct immediate supervision by a person licensed or certified pursuant to this chapter as a health care practitioner; or a health care practitioner otherwise exempt from this act;

Moved by Tess Hahn, seconded by Rand Peebles and carried that the following changes be made to 54-4706 (1). Has successfully completed the requirements to be a candidate for received certification from NCCAOM certification, or such has successfully completed other similar requirements as have been approved by the board; and.

### Complaint Report

John Kersey reported that to date no new complaints have been received for this year.

Two (2) complaints were received in 2001. Of those, one (1) remains open pending criminal charges.

Two (20 complaints were received in 2000. Of those, one (1) remains open and is under investigation.

## Reports from the FAOMRA Meeting

Tess Hahn and Emi Miller presented reports of their attendance at the FAOMRA meeting held in Florida May 3 & 4, 2001.

Moved by Rand Peebles, seconded by Tess Hahn and carried that Emi Miller and Tess Hahn attend the FAOMRA meeting to be held in San Francisco, California November 7 & 8, 2001 and that, if funds are available, they be reimbursed their expenses. If funds are not available at that time, reimbursement may be postponed until the next fiscal year.

FAOMRA allows one voting person per state, it was the decision of the Board that Tess Hahn will be the voting person from Idaho.

#### Red Cross Blood Bank

Tess Hahn advised the Board that individuals from her area of the state who have received acupuncture treatments are not being allowed to give blood. There seems to be confusion as to the type of needles used and sterilization procedures that are followed during acupuncture treatment. Moved by Tess Hahn, seconded by Rand Peebles and carried that Dee Ann Randall to send a Board letter to Red Cross informing them that all acupuncturists must document to the Board that they have successfully completed a Blood Borne Pathogen course, passed a comprehensive examination that incorporates clean needle techniques, and are knowledgeable of OSHA procedures and requirements. For these reasons patients should not be prohibited from giving blood if they have had acupuncture treatments.

## **Executive Session**

Moved by Emi Miller, seconded by Rand Peebles and carried that the Board go into executive session to review applications at 3:12 p.m.

Moved by Emi Miller, seconded by Tess Hahn and carried that the Board comes out of executive session at 4:00 p.m.

certification. Upon approval of the Board, the following licenses were issued: Licensed Acupuncturists Steven Spader ACU-127 Lana Peterson ACU-128 Steven Burk ACU-129 Jennifer De Maio ACU-130 Harold Klassen ACU-131 **Certified Acupuncturists** Ronald Corbin ACC-126 Moved by Tess Hahn, seconded by Emi Miller and carried the meeting adjourn at 4:15 p.m. Maggie Blair, Chair Therese Hahn Jack Long Rand Peebles Thomas E. Limbaugh, Chief Emi Miller Bureau of Occupational Licenses

Approved 10/26/01

The Board approved five (5) applications for licensure, one (1) application for